

of years from 50 to 30 years. Yes, they accepted dropping out acquisition to limit the thrust and the expanse of the bill in two different areas. But next time around they had two more votes. You know, the Governor called a couple of people and threatened one, as I understand it, and then the votes were there, and then they come back the next time around and they take off those two amendments, or substantial portions of them. Fine, that is their prerogative. If the compromises of the first time around are no longer suitable, I guess you can always move to take them off. But that is a stretching of things, in my opinion too. So I don't see what is wrong with fighting back a little bit with the tools that I have at my disposal which are within the rules of the Legislature, just as the majority formulated its majority and with all the power at its disposal, with all the power of the Executive Branch at its disposal, has whipped this bill through the Legislature to get it done by the last day of the session. I have a little trouble as to the rightness and wrongness of the implementation of different procedures by different people, and I have trouble seeing that what I am doing is anything other than my prerogative. Nonetheless, it is not my desire to filibuster and to kill the bill. It is not my desire to take up all afternoon and the evening to the hour of midnight delaying it. It is my sole desire to see that no further amendments are put on this bill of any type. And, Senator DeCamp, I would ask you and I would tell you that if you are willing to agree to put no further amendments on the bill, I am willing to agree to take off all of my amendments. Let me ask you what your response is to that.

SENATOR DeCAMP: I think that is the most wonderful thing I have heard today. I mean it. It sounds a heck of a lot better than 96 amendments, or 56, or 10.

SENATOR BEUTLER: With the agreement then, Mr. President, that I understand from Senator DeCamp, and, Senator Newell, is that agreeable to you also? Pardon me. Okay, with that agreement, Mr. President, I would ask to respectfully withdraw the amendment that is pending and any other amendment that I filed.

PRESIDENT: The Beutler amendment has been withdrawn. We are on the bill. Are there any other amendments, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Nothing further on the bill, Mr. President.